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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Eija Marjut Pirhonen, Timo Pohjonen, and) Examiner: Micah Paul Young
Jan Nieuwenhuis)
Serial No.: 10/006,796) Art Unit: 1615
Filed: December 4, 2001)
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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ONE)

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

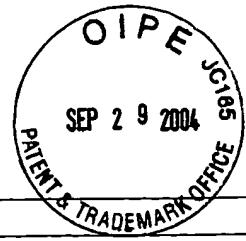
1. Amendment and Response to Office Action, and
2. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, no fees are due. The Commissioner is nevertheless authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 29, 2004

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004. Kindly reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.